of the African National Congress and the support it got from many countries of the world, the African Government have taken some significant steps. As per the stipulation, Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners are released, and this happened after deKlerk came in 1989 as the President. African National Congress, South African Communist Party, Pan African and other anti-aparthied organisations, ban on them has been lifted. Army has been withdrawn from black townships. Media restrictions were lifted. Death penalty was suspended. State of emergency was lifted. Separate Amenities Act was repealed. And in 1991 the main pillars of aparthied, namely, Group Areas Act under which there was a residential segregation, Land Acts under which 87 per cent land was reserved for whites only and Population Registration Act which classifies citizens by race at birth, all have been repealed. On the basis of this the American President took the step to lift some of the sanctions though not all. With regard to arms sale, IMF and other loans, sanctions have not been lifted even by America.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, the Minister has just now said that President Bush has made announcement about partial withdrawal of the sanctions. He also, at the same time, made an announcement that the IMF sanctions would stay. I would like to know from the hon. Minister, since when the IMF has given authority to the U.S. President to make an announcement on behalf of the IMF. If that is so, what is our attitude towards this?

SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI: I would not know how IMF gave the permission to President Bush, but President Bush acted upon his own law which was passed in 1986, the comprehensive Anti-aparthied Act enacted by the U.S. Congress under which there are four stipulations. No. 1, release of all political prisoners, No. 2, unbanning of political parties including anti-aparthied organisations. Repeal of the state of emergency, repeal of the Group Areas Act, and entering into negotiations by the South African Government with representatives of the Black majority.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Do they have the authority to speak on behalf of the IMF?

SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI: Sir, how can I say about the IMF?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Conversion of State Roads into National Highways in Tamil Nadu

*243. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals from Tamil Nadu pending with the Government of India for conversion of State Roads into National Highways;

(b) the estimated cost of those proposals; and

(c) since when and at what stage are they pending and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IN-DEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):

Sl. No.	Name of Road	Length (Kms)
1	Nagapattinam—Thanjavoor—Trichy—Coimbatore Ooty—Gudalore—Mysore—State Border	504
2	Cuddalore—Ulunthurpet—Salem Road	192
3	Trichy—Viralimalai—Thuvaran—Kurchi—Madurai Road	122
4	Trichy—Pudukottai—Karaikudi—Ramnad	185
5	Dindigul—Palani—Udumalpet—Pollachi—Coimbatore Road	159
6	Cuddalore—Vellore—Chittoor Road	203
7	Madurai—Aruppukkottai—Tuticorin Road	133
8	East Coast Road/Madras—Cuddalore—Kanyakumari	737
9	Perambalur—Manamadurai Road	228
10	Thondi—Madurai—Theni—Kumbam—Kottayam—Cochin Road	268
11	Madurai—Thenkasi—Quilon Road	134
12	Thiruvannamalai—Krishnagiri Road	130
13	Thirunelveli—Shenocottah Road	59
14	Madurai—Ayyampalaiyam—Gangu—Varpetti Koddaikanal Road	140
15	Thoppur—Mettur Bhavani Road	81
16	Vaniyambadi—Tirupathur—Dharmapuri Road	80
	Total	3355

(a) (b) and (c) The above refererd State Roads were proposed by the State Govt. in January, 91 for inclusion in the National Highway grid during the 8th Five Year Plan However, a decision about declaring new National Highways in various States including Tamilnadu can be taken only after the formulation of the 8th Plan. The cost involved in development of these roads to NH standards could be estimated only after necessary survey are done.

International conspiracy of funding Kashmir militants

*245. S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police have recently busted a major international conspiracy of funding the militants in Jammu and Kashmir by arresting some persons in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) A criminal case on illegal activities of obtaining large amount from foreign countries through illegal means for use by the banned terrorist outfits of Jammu and Kashmir and for conveying terrorist and subversive plans to them was registered by Delhi Police at Chandni Mahal Police Station, Delhi, *vide* FIR No. 53/91